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SUBJ: CYPRUS QUESTION IN UNSC

REF: MY TELEPHONE CALL TO AMBASSADOR BUFFUM 10 P.M. ANKARA
TIME, MARCH 8

1. SINCE I TALKED TO BUFFUM, I HAVE HAD ANOTHER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN ESENBEL ON RESOLUTION CURRENTLY BEFORE UNSC. ESENBEL SAID THAT TURKEY COULD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT ROLE FOR UNSYG IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD BE CREATED IF SUCH WORDS AS "UNSYG TO CONVENE PARTIES" OR "UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF UNSYG" APPEARED IN RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY UNSC.

2. ESENBEL EMPHASIZED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HELD AMONG THE INTERESTED PARTIES. HE SAID WHAT WAS AT ISSUE WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW STATE. GOT COULD NOT ACCEPT ENLARGEMENT OF UNSYG'S ROLE IN THIS PROCESS.

3. I POINTED OUT TO ESENBEL THAT I HAD JUST TALKED ON THE PHONE WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM, WHO HAD TOLD ME THAT USDEL WAS TRYING TO BE AS HELPFUL AS IT COULD AND THAT WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO GET THE VOTE POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY. ESENBEL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION.

4. ESENBEL URGED THAT USG GIVE ITS FULLEST SUPPORT TO TURKISH
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POSITION. BY "FULLEST SUPPORT" HE SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED OUR USE OF

OR THREAT TO USE THE VETO POWER. HE SAID IF RESOLUTION IS PASSED IN ITS PRESENT FORM THIS WOULD NOT HELP ANYBODY. IT WOULD BE A NEGATIVE AND COMPLICATING DEVELOPMENT ON EVE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT. TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION WOULD THINK THAT USG HAD CHANGED ITS POSITION ON CYPRUS JUST PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL. ESENBEL SAID HE WANTED SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BE COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. HE URGED THE SECRETARY TAKE A DIRECT INTEREST IN THIS MATTER.

5. COMMENT: TURKS ARE REALLY QUITE EXERCISED OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN UNSC. A FEW MINUTES BEFORE MY CONVERSATION WITH ESENBEL FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG TELEPHONED ME TO MAKE A VERY STRONG DEMARCHE. ELEKDAG IN HIS PRESENTATION CAME CLOSE TO THE POINT OF SAYING THAT PASSAGE OF UNACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION BY UNSC AND SUBSEQUENT TURK WALK-OUT FROM SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD MAKE SECRETARY'S VISIT IMPRACTICAL. AS CAN BE NOTED FROM ABOVE, ESENBEL'S POSITION DOES NOT GO NEARLY THIS FAR. I WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT FURTHER UNSC ACTION COULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER SECRETARY HAS LEFT ANKARA. BERGUS

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